

Tools and Resources for Outdoor Play and Learning in the Early Years

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These resources were shared during this webinar. The first section as the resources and tools shared by Christina and Jade, the second section shares the resources shared by the participants in the chat.

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International Play Association Canada (IPAC) Play Declarations <https://ipacanada.org>

Child and Nature Alliance of Canada Thrive Outside <https://childnature.ca/thriveoutside/>

Outsideplay.ca - <https://eco.outsideplay.ca/en/pages/chapter-3-journey-map>

Outdoor Play Canada – <https://www.outdoorplaycanada.org>

Children and Nature Network Research Library – <https://research.childrenandnature.org/>

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Nature Play – <https://arpaonline.ca/children-in-nature>

Megan Zeni blog <https://meganzeni.com/blog> on social media @roomtoplay

Rusty Keeler great weekly newsletter <https://rustykeeler.com/>

Get Outside and Play Free resources www.getoutsideandplay.ca/free-resources

Jade's snowflake dance

Snowflake Dance- Kids play out the dance as you read the story of how the flakes form and drift down, then get moved along the snow surface. I used a drum to simulate the exciting storm or slow, slow, snowflakes floating down.

“You start as a speck of dust in the sky – start out all curled up and small. Begin moving around with your arms against your sides. Water vapour forms on you and you grow extensions of ice – lift up your arms and kick out your legs. When you get too big, you start to dance and collide with others – link arms – and when you get too heavy you float to the

ground. Lie down and become part of the snowpack- the soft blanket of snow that covers the ground. ..When the wind picks up it breaks off your extensions and you roll around like a ball and collide with others to form snow drifts or pile – make a big snow pile. Sometimes you bounce as you are picked up by the wind...and twirl around....Finally, you come to rest again, lying there waiting for the next layer of snow crystals to join you as the snowpack becomes a thicker and thicker white blanket for the winter landscape....



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<https://outdoorlearningstore.com/product/early-years-pack/>

Early Years Resources – all the resources to support you and the children outdoors

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Resources shared by webinar participants

Play Outdoor Magazine <https://playoutdoorsmagazine.ca/>

David Sobel <https://www.davidsobelauthor.com/>. Several of his books are available through the Outdoor Learning Store hint, hint!

Balanced and Barefoot by Angela Hanscom

Nature Curiosity 2nd Edition – available at the Outdoor Learning Store

Sharing Nature with Children 1 and 2 by Joseph Cornell

Teacher Tom - <https://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com/>

Picture This app to help with plant ID <https://www.picturethisai.com/>